

# Woodbury City Update

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*Crews continue construction of the temporary water treatment facility near Valley Creek Road and Tower Drive. The large steel tanks are vessels that will house granulated carbon, which helps remove PFAS from water. Increased watering restrictions may be implemented to allow the city to meet summer water demand until the temporary treatment facility is operational.*

## Increased water restrictions likely

Due to seven of the city's wells being taken out of service because of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), water demand management will be critical in summer 2020. Additional watering restrictions may be needed if water demand approaches the amount we can supply.

If initiated, the elevated restrictions would include:

- A total lawn and landscape watering ban, including hand watering.
- No new seed/sod watering permits will be issued and all previously obtained permits are void.

The increased restrictions would be necessary to avoid a loss of water pressure in the system. Once the water system loses pressure, contaminants can enter the water distribution system. With a pressure loss, the Minnesota Department of Health will issue a "boil water order," which means residents will be required to boil the water to ensure it is safe prior to consuming it.

"This is a serious water production challenge and we are all going to have to do our part to ensure sufficient

water pressure stays in the system until the temporary water treatment facility is operational," said Jim Westerman, the city's utility manager. "Water demand can and does increase quickly - sometimes more than six million gallons within 24 hours, so we are going to have to anticipate future demand and react quickly. If you want to be the first to know about potential increased water restrictions, sign up to receive calls and/or texts to your mobile device through the city's CodeRED emergency calling system via the city's website."

### Lawn watering restrictions

The increased watering restrictions would be above and beyond the city's standard lawn watering restrictions. Woodbury city code restricts both the day and time that you can water your lawn. Remember:

- Lawn watering is prohibited between noon and 5 p.m. every day of the week.
- Watering is allowed before noon and after 5 p.m. on an odd/even

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## Summer construction will impact motorists on Woodbury's major thoroughfares

Road construction season will soon be in full swing. Below is a summary of the major projects this summer.

### Woodbury Drive from I-94 to Tamarack Road - Washington County project

Washington County will be upgrading Woodbury Drive this summer in the first phase of a two-year project that includes:

- Adding one lane in each direction of Woodbury Drive between I-94 and Tamarack Road.
- Adding turn lanes on Woodbury Drive between I-94 and Tamarack Road.
- Adding a new trail west of Woodbury Drive between I-94 and Tamarack Road.
- Stormwater improvements.

Local roadway upgrades also will take place in the commercial areas to the west of Woodbury Drive, including:

- Tamarack Road from Commerce Drive to Woodbury Drive - Tamarack Road will be upgraded to a four-lane divided roadway with dedicated left-turn lanes and a new traffic signal will be installed at Tamarack Road and Hudson Place. A dedicated right-turn lane also will be added from eastbound Tamarack Road to Woodbury Drive and from westbound Markgrafs Lake Drive to Woodbury Drive.
- Commerce Drive from Tamarack Road to Woodbury Drive - Commerce Drive will be rehabilitated from Tamarack Road to Hudson Place. The intersection of Commerce Drive and Woodbury Drive will be improved to better handle the increased traffic and additional lanes on Woodbury

Drive. A new trail will be constructed along the east/south side of Commerce Drive from Tamarack Road to Rivertown Drive.

- Rivertown Drive from Commerce Drive to Hudson Road will be reduced from its current four lanes to a three-lane roadway with a center left-turn lane to improve safety and mobility. This will allow a trail to be constructed along the east side of Rivertown Drive.
- Hudson Road from Rivertown Drive to Woodbury Drive will be repaved and a new trail will be added on the north side of Hudson Road from Rivertown Drive to Woodbury Drive. In addition, a dedicated right-turn lane will be constructed for eastbound Hudson Road to southbound Woodbury Drive.

The roadway will be open to traffic during construction; however, sections of Woodbury Drive may experience periodic partial closures to traffic during overnight hours. There will be lane restrictions throughout the project with southbound traffic shifting to the northbound side of the roadway for phase 1 of the project this year.

### Bailey Road from Radio Drive to Lydia Lane - Washington County project

Washington County will be completing the second phase of a two-year project to improve Bailey Road. The project includes:

- Reconstructing this stretch of Bailey Road into a four-lane divided roadway with left- and right-turn

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# Council Perspective

By Mayor Anne Burt

## Be the first to know about local impacts of COVID-19

I want to express my heartfelt care and concern for all residents, organizations and businesses in our community as together we face this extraordinary challenge related to COVID-19.

Each of us plays a critical role in reducing the spread of this disease and protecting the health and safety of our community. It's important we all understand and continue to follow the rules and guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Minnesota Department of Health.

### Stay connected and be the first to know

Information about the pandemic is changing daily, so this is a critical time for residents and businesses to stay informed and learn about what you need to do to stay healthy. The city is sharing information regularly about the impact of COVID-19 on city services and operations. You can be the first to know about the latest happenings around Woodbury by connecting with the city in ways that best fit your preferences (see list in box below).

### COVID-19 impacts

I also want you to know that city staff are doing all they can to limit as many disruptions in city services as possible. While most city offices and facilities are closed to the public to encourage appropriate social distancing, city employees are working diligently to meet the needs of our community and can be reached by phone or email.

As for our businesses, we've built a page on the Economic Development section of the city's website to direct you to some resources during this challenging time.

As I continue to follow these developments closely, I've been filled with tremendous pride at the many acts of kindness I've witnessed and read about amongst neighbors: those assisting the most vulnerable getting necessities; placing items in their

windows as a scavenger hunt for children; and the strong support of our small businesses. These small acts can mean so much and I urge you to continue to care for one another. We are all in this together.

I would also like to express tremendous gratitude for our residents in healthcare who keep us safe and healthy and those in essential jobs on the frontlines of this pandemic. When picking up necessary supplies, I encourage you to share a smile and thankful words to these hard workers.

As the coming weeks unfold, continue reaching out to your family, friends, coworkers and neighbors via phone call, text or video conferencing. These connections will ensure we are taking care of our mental health during this time of uncertainty.

### COVID-19 impact on city operations and projects

While the coronavirus pandemic is impacting city operations and projects, construction activities continue on the temporary water treatment facility near Valley Creek Road and Tower Drive. The building footings and building pad have been poured. Placement of treatment equipment is in process.

Beginning early April and extending through the month, there will be a

substantial increase in site activity: treatment equipment installation will continue and the wall components for the building structure that will house the treatment equipment will be delivered to the site.

In mid-April, construction efforts will expand beyond the treatment plant site to include placement of piping from Well 17 located south of Valley Creek Road to the site. This effort will require temporary road closures and traffic pattern adjustments on Afton Road, Steepleview Road, Tower Drive and Valley Creek Road.

Crews are working diligently to move the project forward in compliance with current COVID-19 orders and responses. At this time, the facility remains on schedule to be operational in summer 2020. In the event COVID-19 impacts delay the project, increased watering restrictions are possible in order for the city to maintain supply until the temporary water treatment plant is completed and brought into operation. (See related water restrictions article on page 1.)

To learn more about the impacts to city services and projects, visit the city's website at [woodburymn.gov/covid-19](http://woodburymn.gov/covid-19).

All the best in health to you and your families.

### City communications methods:

- Woodbury *City Update* newsletter
- Woodbury website – [woodburymn.gov](http://woodburymn.gov)
- InTouch email notification – [woodburymn.gov/intouch](http://woodburymn.gov/intouch)
- Cable TV programming – Channels 16 and 18 for Comcast subscribers
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schedule. This means that residents with addresses ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, etc.) may water their lawn on even-numbered calendar days. Likewise, those with addresses ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, etc.) may only sprinkle lawns on odd-numbered calendar days.

- As of Jan. 1, 2019, homes with private wells must follow the same watering restrictions.
- City Code and State Statute requires all irrigation systems have one of the following in working condition: rain sensor, soil-moisture sensor or a WaterSense-certified smart controller. If your irrigation system was installed before 2018 and does not meet this requirement, visit [woodburymn.gov/waterwise](http://woodburymn.gov/waterwise) to purchase a smart controller through the city at a discounted rate.
- Water only if needed. If your irrigation controller doesn't monitor rainfall, do it yourself with a rain gauge or weather report. Remember that a healthy lawn needs about 1 inch of water per week, including rainfall. Too much or too little can lead to thinning and weed growth.

The city's lawn watering policy is in effect year-round and citations are issued for violations; first-time offenders are not exempt.

Special watering permits for newly-placed sod and seed are available under the existing odd/even and time of day restrictions at [woodburymn.gov/waterpermits](http://woodburymn.gov/waterpermits). Special water permits will not be available if increased water restrictions are implemented.

The Woodbury newsletter is published 10 times per year by the City of Woodbury and mailed to all residents and businesses. Send comments to: Woodbury City Hall, 8301 Valley Creek Road, Woodbury, MN 55125-3330. Phone: 651-714-3500. Email: [jason.egerstrom@woodburymn.gov](mailto:jason.egerstrom@woodburymn.gov).

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# City removing trees infested with emerald ash borer from parks

This summer, city staff will be continuing its efforts to remove trees infested with emerald ash borer (EAB) from parks. Trees will be marked with orange paint and signs will be posted prior to removal. In several parks, replacement trees have been planted in anticipation of these removals.

## About EAB

EAB is an insect that kills ash trees when its larvae tunnel under the bark and feed on the part of the tree that moves nutrients up and down the trunk. The invasive insect has now killed tens of millions of ash trees in 30 states.

The Woodbury Forestry Division began implementing various EAB management practices since the pest was first detected in Minnesota in 2009. This included inspecting hundreds of ash trees on public land, proactively removing low quality ash trees in parks and in boulevard areas, and planting replacement trees on public land ahead of the removals where appropriate.

## What can residents do?

Residents are encouraged to take steps to mitigate the effects of expected tree loss across the city.

- Determine if you have ash trees on your property. Look for signs of EAB damage, which include dieback of leaves in the upper one-third of the tree's branches, heavy woodpecker activity, bark splitting, S-shaped larvae tunnels under the bark, or a significant amount of water sprouts on the trunk. If you suspect an EAB infestation, review the links available on the city's website at [woodburymn.gov/eab](http://woodburymn.gov/eab), and then discuss removal or treatment options with a certified arborist.
- DO NOT plant new ash trees.
- Consider removal of declining or small ash trees on your property now. Keep in mind that most trees will require professional removal.
- The Minnesota Department of Agriculture guidelines recommend pruning and removal of ash during the months of October through April when the EAB is dormant. Avoid pruning and removal of ash trees during the months of May through September, when the EAB is active.
- In order to prevent the spread of EAB, all ash wood should be properly destroyed within Woodbury. Information can be found on the Washington County website at [www.co.washington.mn.us/628/Yard-Waste](http://www.co.washington.mn.us/628/Yard-Waste).
- Early detection and preventive treatments with approved insecticides can prolong the life of an ash tree. The city recommends the trunk injection application method; the soil drench application method has a higher risk for unwanted environmental effects. There is no "cure" for EAB infestation and insecticide treatments will be needed every one to three years, depending on the chemical used. Hire a certified arborist with a pesticide applicator's license to perform these treatments.



The city is continuing to partner with Rainbow Treecare to create a citywide bulk discount ash tree treatment program for residents and businesses. A postcard will be mailed in May with contact information and details about the discount program. Information and updates are also available on the city's website at [woodburymn.gov/eab](http://woodburymn.gov/eab).

Contact the city before removing or treating ash trees in the public right-of-way near the street (boulevard trees), as these may be managed by the city in some areas. Call the Public Works Department at 651-714-3720 with questions.

Much more information about EAB is available on the MDA website at [mda.state.mn.us/eab](http://mda.state.mn.us/eab).

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lanes. The existing trail on the north side of Bailey Road will be reconstructed, and a new trail will be constructed along the south side.

- A new roundabout to replace the existing traffic signal at the intersection of Bailey Road and Woodlane Drive, and Woodlane Drive will be expanded to three lanes south of Bailey Road to accommodate better mobility into Bailey Elementary School and the future extension of Hargis Parkway.
- A new trail to be constructed south of Bailey Road and east of Woodlane Drive.
- A new traffic signal to replace the existing all-way stop at the intersection of Bailey Road and Military Road.
- A new traffic signal at Bailey Road and Benjamin Drive.

Construction is expected to begin this spring and be completed this fall, weather permitting. The roadway will

be open to traffic throughout construction; however, there will be periodic lane restrictions that will cause significant traffic delays during peak drive times.

### I-494/I-694/I-94 interchange - Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) project

This project is the second phase of a two-year project to improve the interchange. This summer, work will include replacing and widening the northbound interchange bridge; repairing pavement; and adding a northbound buffer lane.

Work will begin in the spring and is expected to be completed in the fall. Motorists should expect lane shifts and closures in all directions in the interchange area during construction, as well as full closures on some weekends. For more information, or to sign up to receive email updates from MnDOT about upcoming closures and associated traffic impacts, visit [dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i94-494-694/index.html](http://dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i94-494-694/index.html).

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### 2020 neighborhood roadway rehabilitation (Brookside, Savanna Oaks North and Woodbury Crossing neighborhoods) - city project

Approximately 500 property owners and 3.3 miles of roadway will be impacted by the 2020 Roadway Rehabilitation Project. The property owners were first notified last summer and several neighborhood meetings about the project have taken place since last August. All roadways within the residential project areas will be resurfaced. Improvements also include spot curb and gutter repairs; minor sanitary sewer, storm sewer and water system repairs; trail construction; spot trail repairs; and stormwater quality improvements. The residential roadways will remain open during construction.

Work will start as early as weather permits, likely in May, and continue through October.

### Road closure notices

If you'd like to receive email notices of city road closures, sign up for the "road closure advisory" list in the city's InTouch email notification system. Just go to the Woodbury website ([woodburymn.gov](http://woodburymn.gov)) and select the InTouch logo at the top of the home page.

For more information about road construction projects, visit [woodburymn.gov](http://woodburymn.gov). Under the "Community" menu at the top of the page, select "Road Construction."

If you have questions about any of the road projects above, contact the Engineering Division at 651-714-3593 or [engineering@woodburymn.gov](mailto:engineering@woodburymn.gov).



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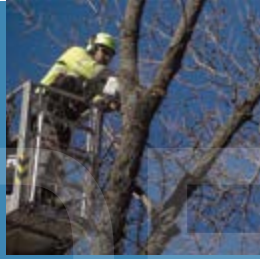
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## COVID-19 impacts

### Annual Curbside Recycling Event postponed to September

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the city's annual Curbside Recycling Event has been postponed to September. Watch for details in future City Update newsletters.

To stay informed about the pandemic and learn more about what you need to do to stay healthy, refer to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Minnesota Department of Health websites.

To learn more about how the pandemic is impacting city operations and services, visit [woodburymn.gov/COVID-19](http://woodburymn.gov/COVID-19) and read the related mayor's column on page 2 of this newsletter.

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## Eagle Valley Golf Course making adjustments, preparing to open

While Eagle Valley Golf Course may not open in early April as planned due to the COVID-19 pandemic, golf course staff continues to identify ways to help ensure the safety of its customers in the event the course is able to open in the near future. This will include implementing social distancing at hitting stations; disinfecting frequent touchpoints, golf balls, golf cars and baskets; and limiting the number of guests in the clubhouse.

The number one goal for Eagle Valley staff is to provide a safe environment that ensures customers have an enjoyable, first-class golf experience for players of all abilities. Once the course opens, golfers can take advantage of great savings all summer long and book their tee times online.

### Join the 'Eagle Club'

"We're looking forward to getting up

and running, and welcoming golfers back on the course," explained Dan Moris, golf course manager. "For those who regularly golf with us, our Eagle Club offers the best value."

The Eagle Club offers several benefits including: one free weekday green fee, green fee discounts all season long, advance reservations, \$60 practice range debit key, free golf for juniors (with each paid adult after 4 p.m. on weekends) and much more!

The cost to join the Eagle Club is \$95 per person for Woodbury residents and \$115 for non-residents. Playing just one round this season will cover the cost of the membership!

Golfers also could opt for the season pass, which is valid seven days per week, including holidays. The cost of this unlimited walking membership is \$1550, plus tax.



### New in 2020

Staff is excited to unveil our new fleet of Tempo golf cars. Each golf car will be equipped with GPS technology, displaying images of individual holes and indicating yardages for each shot. In addition, customers will have a wireless option to connect their smartphone to Bluetooth speakers. The enhancements in the new club car vehicles is included as a part of the golf car rental. We look forward to sharing more information as we get closer to the start of the golf season.

Golfers also can enhance their skills in the practice bunker and on the 60-station practice range featuring an on-course feel with bent grass tee and target greens that are surrounded by imitation bunkers.

Eagle Valley Golf Course is located at 2600 Double Eagle Lane off Eagle Valley Drive. To join the Eagle Club, reserve your tee time, register for lessons or learn more, visit [eaglevalleygc.com](http://eaglevalleygc.com) or call the golf shop at 651-714-3750.